Name of the Project	Expected date of completion	Progress of the Project
Hydroelectric Project	Unit-II Jan. 1999	and dykes have been completed and ba-
	Unit-Ill May. 1999 Unit-IV Sept. 1999	lance works on head race tunnel, intake structure and Muran dam are in progress. The erection of main turbine generators is under way. The 400 KV switchyard is almost complete and substantial progress has also been made on other electrical works.
2. Po.tteru Hydro-electric Project	Unit-I Mar. 1997 Unit-II Jun. 1997	The civil works of the power house, diversion weir, head race tunnel are under way. The contracts for supply of generator equipment etc. have been awarded and bulk of equipment has already been procured.

Appointment of retired officers on contract basis

1901. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Wili the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision in the rules governing the Central Government employees, including the central services, for their appointment on contract basis;

(b) if so, the period upto which an officer can be appointed on contract basis after retirement;, and

(c) what are the criteria being following in such appointments and the benefits being extended to such officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) Contract is one of the recognized methods of appointment in Government. Such appointments are made by the Ministries/Departments as per requirements of the job and the suitability of the concerned appointees.

(b) and (c) There is no specific period upto which a retired officer can be appointed on contract basis as the period of engagement would depend upon the terms of the contract. However, in so far as extension/re-employment beyond superannuation is concerned, existing instructions provide that 60 years of age is the deadline for non-scientific/technical personnej. Such appointments are made in public interest with the overriding consideration for extension of service/re-employed being that other officers are not ripe enough to take over or the retiring/retired officer is of outstanding merit.

Such appointees are governed by mutually settled terms and conditions as per the contract agreements.

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1902. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या हाजीरा-बीजापुर-जगदीशपुर गैस पाइपलाइन के द्वारा गैस की आपूर्ति की जा रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो गैस आवंटन का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है?